



TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 10, 1901.

In his last public speech at the Buffalo Exposition the late President McKinley said: "We must not repose in fancied security, that we can forever sell everything and buy nothing. Reciprocity is the national outgrowth of our wonderful industrial development." There is much truth in these first few words and coming from a man who had for decades stood for a protective tariff of the most extreme type, the leader of his party and the choice of the electorate of his country for the most exalted position in the gift of the people a few hours before he was felled by the assassin's bullet—these are indeed words to be termed, and properly so, a farewell message of admonition and warning to his party as well as to his countrymen. But "the King is dead, long live the King," Senator Mark Hanna says "Let well enough alone; don't monkey with the tariff." Representative Grosvenor says "it would be just as well to talk about amending the ten commandments as to alter one line in the Dingley bill." These men are the high priests in their party and probably what they say must go. A few months ago there was held in Washington what was termed a reciprocity convention, which name was certainly a misnomer, as it was controlled completely by those manufacturers of the north and east who enjoy the enormous profits of protection and the trusts. Attention is being called to the manner in which the convention was captured. The New York Chamber of Commerce last week adopted the following:

Resolved, That this chamber expresses its disapproval of the action taken by the national reciprocity convention at Washington on the 20th ultimo as subversive of all attempts to bring about closer trade relations with our sister nations and to open new and wider markets for our products; and be it further

Resolved, That the chamber views with apprehension the policy advocated by the reciprocity convention as likely to invite hostile legislation on the part of the other nations against this country to the great detriment of its commercial interests.

This question is one that will not, and should not, be laid aside. Like Banquo's ghost "it will not down." There is no question that nothing more concerns a people than taxation. "The tariff is a tax; unfair taxation is unjust taxation." An exchange which terms itself an independent, but is radical in its republicanism and was until recently ultra in its protective leanings, commenting upon and commending the resolutions of the New York Chamber of Commerce says:

"Why should not this action be copied by the chambers of commerce throughout the country? Just now we are hearing the prediction somewhat confidently made that nothing of any kind respecting the tariff will be done at this session of Congress. The reciprocity treaties negotiated by Mr. Kassar are dead. New ones to take their place will not be ordered. The ways and means committee of the House will give the tariff a wide berth. And so on. It all depends. The cockle of the gentlemen holding this tone is not beyond the reach of public opinion resolutely and adequately expressed. If there is a demand for reciprocity and for the abolition of tariff duties which have ceased to be a protection for infant industries and are now a bounty for glants, they may be obtained. Let us hear from the chambers of commerce and boards of trade, and all these manufacturers who do not subscribe to the double shufls on the subject of reciprocity executed here last month. Mr. McKinley thought something should be done. There is no lack of leadership in Congress. In either House may be found republicans willing to make the fight for free trade, and who think it may be done, and the fight won, without injury to any branch of American industry.

This is refreshing, coming as we have said from a high protective newspaper, and encourages those democrats who never expect to see free trade, but know we must have at least something freer, as we cannot live on ourselves, and, as was so well expressed by the late President, "we cannot forever sell everything and buy nothing." Mr. Roosevelt was sworn into his high office on Saturday, September 14, at 8:35 p. m. Before taking the oath of office he said "It would be his aim to continue absolutely unbroken the policy of President McKinley for the peace, prosperity and honor of the country." A grave promise from a determined man, and it is the hope of many who leaned with affection toward the man whom they learned to know, and who is now termed "McKinley, the well beloved," that his successor will live up to it. We will wait and see; in the meantime it is the bounden duty of the democrats in Congress to attempt something, even should they fail.

THE \$10 surplus in the Treasury is a tempting bait for raiders and various suggestions are being advanced to reduce it. Some of the members of Congress, not to be outdone, have a plan to place a part of the money where it will do the most good and a movement is now on foot to increase their own salaries from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per an-

num. This will doubtless be a popular measure—among the members.

A PERUSAL of the Gazette's advertising columns will greatly assist all who are making Christmas purchases. Everything useful or ornamental, for rich or poor, is advertised and selections can be much quicker made at the stores when one knows what he or she wants to buy.

SENATOR FORAKER denies the story that the relations between himself and Senator Hanna are strained; reiterates his statement that he is not interested in the Ohio legislature and deprecates the efforts to draw him, self and his colleagues, Mr. Hanna, into a fight. He says, however, that he has already selected his candidate for President in 1904, and that his name is Theodore Roosevelt. But what will Senator Hanna say to this?

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, December 10. The republican members of the House committee on ways and means, after venting their differences, are now relative to proper treatment of the Philippine question, agreed on a bill which was introduced today by Chairman Payne. It establishes the Dingley tariff on goods coming to the United States from the Philippines, the tariff commission on duties on goods coming into the Philippines, but provides that the duties so collected shall be held as a separate fund and paid into the treasury for the Philippines to be used and expended for the government and benefit of said islands. The bill will be reported to the full committee tomorrow and later in the day to the House. The committee on rules will bring in a special order for the consideration of the bill and it is the purpose of the republicans to pass it this week.

Morning dispatches are in error when they state from Managua, Nicaragua, that Minister Merry has concluded a treaty by which certain rights of way for a canal are given to the United States. No treaty or even protocol for a treaty has been arranged, State Department officials say. Minister Merry was commissioned to ascertain what Nicaragua was willing to do, provided the Hay-Pauncefote treaty No. 2 should be confirmed and the Nicaraguan route made to be decided upon. These instructions have been carried out and the State Department is now prepared to answer interrogatories by the Senate on these points. Nicaragua, it is said, is willing to grant the United States her former terms, a right of way six miles wide covering the proposed route of the canal.

Among the recess appointments sent to the Senate yesterday was that of Joseph B. Stewart, of Virginia, to be collector of customs for the port of Richmond.

In executive session this afternoon the Senate, after considering a number of nominations, took up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senator Lodge made the first speech upon it, explaining its provisions and urging prompt ratification. Because of the fact that it was desired to hold a meeting of the Senate committee on committees this afternoon further consideration of the matter was postponed, and a recess session was adjourned. So far there has been no indication of any prolonged resistance to the new treaty and it is confidently predicted that it will be ratified before the end of the week.

Chairman Payne, of the House ways and means committee today announced sub-committees with the following chairmen: Customs, Payne, of New York; administration customs laws, Payne, of New York; public debt, Dingley, of Ohio; reciprocity and commercial treaties, Hopkins, of Massachusetts; miscellaneous, Grosvenor.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the organization of "the Fauguer National Bank of Warrenton," Va., capital, \$50,000. J. B. McCabe, Leesburg, Va.; O. L. Thomas, E. B. White, R. K. Walker, E. V. White, C. W. Smith, and others, are the incorporators.

It is said here that President Roosevelt has decided to spend Christmas as the guest of General Bradley T. Johnson, of "Woodlands," Amelia county, Va. It is not known how many days he expects to be in the Old Dominion.

In order to relieve the money market the Secretary of the Treasury today decided to pay next Saturday the interest on bonds that is not due until January 1. The total amount is \$4,000,000.

Sen. Gage today tendered the place to be made vacant by the resignation of Appraiser Wakeman of New York to Geo. W. Whitehead, of New York, present collector of customs in Porto Rico.

In the Senate today Mr. Proctor introduced a bill providing for the establishment of the "Fredericksburg and Adjacent Battlefields Memorial Park in Virginia." It asks for an immediate appropriation of \$100,000.

A Pennsylvania railroad train struck a Washington brewery wagon on Virginia avenue this morning which resulted in the death of the driver, John Chew, colored. Both horses were killed and one of the cars of the train derailed. It is the committee appointments today Mr. Rixey was on census and naval affairs; Mr. Hay on military affairs; Mr. Swanson on postoffice affairs and Mr. Oney on District of Columbia and claims.

The Senate committee on immigration held a short meeting this morning. No action was taken on the Chinese exclusion bill other than to refer them to the State Department. The committee also asked the Commissioner of Immigration for statistics bearing upon the subject.

Secretary Gage today admitted that he had asked William F. Wakeman, appraiser of the port of New York, for his resignation upon the President's request. Thus far he has not received a reply.

The going into executive session by the Senate yesterday evening put a stop to the threatened resignations of the "outh Carolina Senators. Mr. Tillman on the floor of the Senate openly challenged Senator McLaughlin to join him in handing their resignation to President Frye, then and there, and to have each declare vacant until the people of their State could act upon both cases. Mr. McLaughlin declined the challenge and will not resign because he knows that the South Carolina legislature will re-elect Mr. Tillman and some one who would be a friend of Tillman.

Senator Hoar yesterday introduced a bill giving the United States government jurisdiction in cases of lynching, and making the crime of participation in lynchings punishable by death.

ced Mr. Frank Hackett, December 17, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, will receive the first civilian commission ever issued by the Navy Department. Hackett is a member of the custom of the State Department to commission civilian appointees to all of the Government Departments except the Postoffice. This, it is said, was due to the fact that none of the executive departments had a seal of its own. Recently, however, each department has been provided with a characteristic seal, and each will, in the future, commission its own officials.

The best authority at the Navy Department, the report of the Schley court of inquiry will be submitted before the end of the present week. Notwithstanding the many predictions as to the findings of the court, no one, not even the Secretary of the Navy, has the slightest knowledge of their report. That they will form a very voluminous document there is every reason to suspect, but no one can more than guess at the recommendations to be made in connection with the various specifications of the precept.

The opposition to the confirmation of the nomination of Attorney General Knox has been renewed. Additional charges were today filed with the senate committee on judiciary, by members of the anti-trust League. It is possible that the case will be referred back to the committee on the other side. Speaker Henderson announced the House committee today. All the old chairmen go back to their old places. The only changes are those made necessary by the death or failure to return to Congress of those who held chairmanships. The states are recognized in chairmanships as follows: Illinois, 7; Ohio, 6; New York, Minnesota, 5 each; Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, Michigan, 4 each; Massachusetts, Wisconsin, 3 each; Indiana, Connecticut 2 each; California, Rhode Island, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, New Hampshire and Oregon, 1 each.

A large number of bills were introduced today. Among the more important is the one by Gen. Shattuck, of Ohio, for the extension and deportation of anarchists.

The House committee on appropriations announced today. The sub-committees were appointed by Chairman Cannon, with the following chairmen: Sundry Civil, Cannon; Legislative, Bingham; District of Columbia, McClellan; Penitentiaries, Fortifications, Henderson; Deficiencies, Cannon; Permanent Appropriations, Moody. It is not the intention to have any appropriation bill in readiness before the holiday recess.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Three were killed on each side in a fight between German and Indian troops at Tientsin, China, yesterday.

The Standard Oil Company is reported to have paid \$60,000 for its largest rival, the Shell Company, of England.

Colombian rebels left behind at Colon documents showing that they were in league with President Castro, of Venezuela, and Zelaya, of Nicaragua.

The Hamburg-American Steamship Company has contracted to carry 30,000 tons of iron to the United States at \$1.05 a ton, and on the return trip to carry American coal to Germany at \$1.32 a ton.

At San Francisco yesterday, Mrs. Jane L. Stanford transferred to Stanford University by deed, bonds, stocks and real estate valued at \$1,000,000, the largest single gift ever bestowed on any institution of learning.

H. J. Fleishman, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Los Angeles, Cal., has disappeared with a sum of the bank's money, which Vice President H. W. Hellman estimates at \$100,000. The shortage was discovered yesterday.

There was a sharp discussion in the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Scranton Pa., yesterday on the question of boycotting machine-made cigars. A resolution was adopted omitting reference to machinery, but denouncing child labor.

Berry Howard, indicted for the murder of William Goebel, last night at Frankfort, Ky., in a sign of state, was selling his actions at the time of the Goebel murder, and protesting his innocence. He says he was a personal friend of Goebel, and would not have harmed a hair of his head.

In a riot growing out of the street car strike in Scranton, Pa., yesterday, officers who attempted to arrest a man who had assaulted one of them were attacked by a crowd of miners, who fired at them. The officers and a nonunion motorman then fired into the crowd and wounded three men.

At Managua, Nicaragua, yesterday, Dr. Fernando Sanchez, Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs, and William L. Merry, United States Minister to Nicaragua, Salvador, and Costa Rica, signed a treaty by which Nicaragua agrees to lease a section of Nicaragua territory six miles wide, which includes the route of the Nicaragua Canal, to the United States perpetually.

Dressed in a complete suit of her husband's clothing, Mrs. Alice Ditzel, 38 years old, was arrested in front of Raine's Hall, in Baltimore, late last night. At the central police station she informed the officers and matrons that she believed her husband, who, she stated, was Frederick W. Ditzel, an iron worker, "doing a good job" and that she had disguised herself in an attempt to catch him.

President Roosevelt will send to Congress a special message, including in it a letter recently written to him by Andrew Carnegie, in which he proposes to give \$10,000,000 to the American people as a fund for the establishment of a college of higher education in Washington. The institution is to be open only to those desiring to take a post-graduate course, and it is expected to take a lead in original research. The government is simply to be a trustee, and no appropriation is to be asked.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Warrenton is to have a national bank, opened by parties from Leesburg, Elkhart White and Judge McCabe, of that place, are making final arrangements. The bank will be opened about the first of the year.

John Hicks, who calls himself "King of the Moonshiners," was surprised Sunday by U. S. Deputy Marshals Gee and Stultz, at his home in Halifax county. Hicks has successfully defied arrest for six years, and bragged of the fact.

In the United States Supreme Court yesterday an extension of time until the convening of court next October was granted the commission which is engaged in remarking the boundary line between the States of Virginia and Tennessee.

A meeting of the board of visitors of William and Mary College will be held at Richmond tomorrow night to look into the charges that have been brought against President Lyon G. Tyler by Rev. W. T. Roberts. It is believed that Mr. Tyler will be vindicated.

Miss Olay Melf, the young lady who shot and wounded J. J. Waxelbaum, a Georgia drummer, at Rural Retreat, Wytie county, Va., last summer, was yesterday discharged from the regular army. She was given a regular pay and a pension for her services. She is now in the case, Waxelbaum, it is alleged, insulted Miss Melf on the streets of Rural Retreat.

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## THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature yesterday elected the State officers nominated by the caucus last Friday night, and the Senate confirmed a number of school superintendents. It was expected that there might be opposition to some of these appointments, but none developed in the executive session.

The State officers election are as follows: Secretary of the Commonwealth, D. Q. Eggleston; Morton Mays, Auditor of Public Accounts; John G. Dew, Second Auditor; A. W. Harman, Treasurer; Joseph W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction; John W. Richardson, Register of Land Office; Charles J. Anderson, Adjutant-General; Thomas W. Whitehead, Commissioner of Agriculture; J. H. O'Bannon, Superintendent of Public Printing; George M. Helms, Superintendent of Penitentiary.

The standing committees of both bodies were named. The chairmen of the important House committees are as follows: Elections, S. L. Kelly, of Richmond; Courts, E. W. Southall of Amelia; Schools, W. B. Duke, of Charlottesville; General Laws, George Y. Handley, of Matthews; Roads and Internal Navigation, John W. Churchman, of Augusta; Finance, W. H. Bosz, of Charlottesville; Banks, Currency and Commerce, John Whitehead, of Norfolk; Agriculture, J. C. Featherston, of Campbell; Counties, Cities and Towns, E. C. Jordan, of Frederick; Manufacturers, Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth.

The chairmen of the Senate committees are: Elections, William H. Mann, of Nottoway; Courts, W. B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg; Laws, W. R. Barksdale, of Halifax; Roads, Bland and Masie, of Nelson; Finance, H. S. Wickham, of Hanover; Public Institutions and Education, George W. Lecato, of Accomac; Fish and Game, George W. Kezell, of Rockingham.

Mr. Caton, of this city, is on the committee on Privileges and Elections, and Mr. Caton, of this city, is on the committee on Militia and Police, Banks and Currency, and Federal Relations and Courts of Justice.

Senator Donohue is on the committee on Roads, Finance and Banking, to examine Second Auditor's Accounts, and Printing.

In the caucus of democratic senators after the committees had been reported, Senator Kezell called attention to a report persistently circulated to the effect that those who supported Mr. Montague for governor would be discriminated against. This called for a very warm reply from Chairman McIlwaine, who said Mr. Montague's name had not been mentioned; that there had been no disposition to make up the committee so as to embarrass him in his administration, but that the usual custom had been followed. Other members of the steering committee confirmed Mr. McIlwaine's statement, and Mr. Kezell said he was glad to learn that the report was unfounded. This ended the incident, but the same thing is like to crop out again.

The conference committee on adjournment of the legislature failed to meet last night. There may be a conference today.

Mr. Anderson, of Richmond, presented a bill to cede to the United States Government such a site as might be selected in this State for a military post, should one be located in Virginia.

Senator Shands will introduce a bill making an attempt to assassinate a governor of Virginia a capital offense. Mr. Barksdale introduced a bill amending the Code so as to require that bank statements shall be published in a newspaper printed in the city or county in which the bank is located.

Mr. W. B. Filton gave notice of his contest of the seat of Joseph Hibbitt from Wise, Buchanan and Dickenson. The house passed the bills to incorporate the Virginia Delta Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of the University of Virginia.

To amend the code in relation to holidays in clerks' offices. Charles T. Bland will offer a bill appropriating \$2,500 to the Virginia Farmers' Association for the relief of disabled firemen or their widows and orphans.

There is no likelihood of the Legislature being in session longer than this week. There is nothing to be done now except the passing of the appropriation bill, and one has been offered in each branch. They are duplicates of the bill passed at the last session of the Legislature.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

In the Constitutional Convention, sitting as the committee of the whole yesterday, Mr. Dunaway offered a resolution limiting the debate to 30 minutes. An attempt was made to exempt from this limitation the report of the suffrage committee and that of finance. It was, however, decided that Mr. Dunaway's resolution would have to lie over under the rules.

Mr. Anderson, of Rockbridge, offered a resolution which in effect practically abolishes the committee of the whole. It was finally agreed that both of these propositions should be considered Thursday morning at 10:30.

The committee of the whole resumed consideration of the judiciary report. The Quarles amendment recommending the section referring to judges in cities over 10,000, was overwhelmingly defeated. Judge Campbell made a speech in favor of the present system of county courts. He said it was urged against him that he was a county court judge, but he boldly championed his court in the campaign, and he believed he was whipped on that question, but he wanted the motion of Dr. Dunaway adopted, so that not more than four counties could be embraced in one district. He gave notice that the convention failed to provide enough judges there would be trouble in getting all the extra judges necessary. He made a vigorous attack on the payment to Judge Harrison or Hancock and others that much when they were already paid to get \$1,600. He believed in dividing out the salary among more judges. Judge Campbell still had the floor at adjournment.

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## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond. Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—The constitutional convention today was still discussing the judiciary report. No action was taken, however. The Senate and House committees decided to reconvene on Tuesday except to a given date—about February 20. They will take no chances on the convention failing to reconvene the present legislative session.

## Another Washington Mystery.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—A mystery that promises to rival the Hotel Kenmore murder developed this morning when the unconscious form of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, a widow of 45 years and one of the most prominent of Washington's fashionable modistes, was discovered in her room at No. 1117 K street, her skull fractured, her jaw broken, and her body bruised in several places. The entire detective force of the District was turned loose on the case as soon as it was reported to headquarters, but as yet no clue to the perpetrators has been found. Mrs. Dennis is unconscious and it has been impossible to learn from her anything that would throw light upon the assault. That robbery was not the motive is evident from the fact that the victim's pocket book, containing a large amount of money, was found lying on a stand near the bed. The woman had probably been attacked while asleep. The weapon used was undoubtedly the top of a piano stool which was found later on the floor near the front window through which the assailant evidently had entered and escaped. Several recently made abrasions were discovered on the stool. There was an overturned flower pot on the balcony just outside the window. About 5 o'clock this morning Mrs. Mary Doyle, who occupied a room over that of Mrs. Dennis, was awakened by groans. She hurried below and found Mrs. Dennis in the condition described. During the early morning the latter partially recovered consciousness long enough to recognize those about her, but was unable to answer any questions bearing upon the assault. She soon relapsed into unconsciousness and her death is expected at any time. The police are unable to assign any motive for the crime. Mrs. Dennis is the widow of Walter Dennis, at one time a well known actor.

"Never Mind," were the only words Mrs. Dennis would answer to the doctor's question as to who assaulted her when she became conscious for a few minutes this morning. Her answer was that she was unable to remember to Garfield Hospital shortly before noon.

## The Bonine Trial.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The prosecution of Dr. Carr resumed this morning at the Bonine trial. The witness expressed his opinion that the chest wound was inflicted first, that the wound on the outside of the arm second and the wound on the hip third. District Attorney Gould handed the witness the revolver and the doctor demonstrated just how the weapon was discharged to inflict the wound in the chest. Pointing the revolver to his own breast in the direction to cause the wound, the witness was unable to pull the trigger with his finger. He said that it was his theory that the thumb got on the trigger. The next witness called was Dr. Boyce. He was present during the experiments made by Dr. Carr and assisted him. He also testified regarding pistol marks. His views coincided with those of Dr. Carr's.

During his testimony Dr. Boyce said he was of the opinion that the wound in Ayres's hip and the one in the arm, the latter setting fire to the sleeve of the shirt, were caused by one shot. This is the first time this theory has been advanced.

Mr. Douglas stated Ayres's wounds could have been inflicted while he and Mrs. Bonine were on the floor.

## Foreign News.

Edinburgh, Dec. 10.—The court today dismissed the action of the Spanish Government for \$375,000 against the Clyde Bank Shipping Company. The suit was the result of the failure of the shipping company to build four destroyers for the Spanish Government in time for use in the Spanish-American war, as they had contracted to do.

Rome, Dec. 10.—The propaganda has agreed with Mgr. Sbarretti to appoint a delegate extraordinary to the Philippines on a policy for the religious affairs in the islands. The policy will consist of the maintenance of the friars, at the same time extending efforts for their adaptation to the new conditions, and also their gradual replacement by clergy educated for the purpose in the United States.

Birmingham, Eng., Dec. 10.—It is learned that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is likely to propose a guaranteed national loan for the next budget for \$75,000,000 to assist English taxation.

London, Dec. 10.—It is announced that King Edward has designated June 26th, 1901 as the date for his coronation.

The sessions of parliament will begin January 16th.

London, Dec. 10.—Dailies' Berlin correspondent telegraphs that Count von Waldersee, former commander of the allied forces in China has had a relapse and his condition is most grave. A specialist is in attendance.

## Federation of Catholic Societies.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 10.—What promises to be a most important gathering of Catholic laymen opened its sessions in this city today. It is the convention of the Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States. Representatives from all parts of the country and Porto Rico are in attendance. The object of the convention is to permanently organize all the Catholic societies of the country into one organization, but each society to maintain its individuality. The program this morning opened with pontifical high mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. The delegates marched from the Grand Hotel to the cathedral escorted by a battalion of the Knights of St. John. Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, occupied the throne. The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. M. Lavelle, D. D., rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The music, which was a feature of the occasion, was rendered by the Cathedral choir of thirty voices.

There is no change in the condition of General Bull who is sick at his home in Camden, N. J. His physician is almost constant in his attendance which indicates the critical condition of his patient.

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## FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.

## SENATE.

The session of the Senate this morning was opened by a prayer delivered by the Rev. Mr. Pretyman, of Washington, D. C., in which he invoked divine aid to protect the land from discord, anarchy and civil strife.

A report from the Spanish Claims Commission, in which an additional appropriation was asked for, was referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Martin: For a memorial bridge across the Potomac river between Washington, D. C., and Arlington, Va., by Mr. Clay: To repeal the bankruptcy laws.

By Mr. Gallinger: For the protection of the President; Vice President and those in line of presidential succession.

At 12:45 o'clock the Senate went into executive session, to consider the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

At 1:55 o'clock the Senate concluded its deliberations in executive session and adjourned.

HOUSE. Mr. Richardson introduced a resolution providing for the employment of a number of employees of the House selected by the minority.

The resolution was passed without objection. Mr. Hemenway offered the report of the committee that has been engaged in considering the advisability of reorganizing the House force.

Mr. Hemenway introduced a resolution, which was passed, continuing the committee on House reorganization through the present Congress.

The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission was received from the President, was ordered printed and referred to the committee on Interstate and foreign commerce.

Mr. Payne moved that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet on Friday. This motion was passed, after which Mr. Payne introduced a resolution that when the Congress adjourn Thursday, December 19, it stand adjourned until Monday, January 6.

Mr. Payne's holiday recess resolution was passed with scarcely a dissenting voice.

Mr. Payne then introduced a resolution referring the different portions of the President's message to the committee to whom they properly belong.

Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Payne if all the questions affecting the revenues of the Philippines be turned over to the ways and means committee and appropriations committee, what would be left for the insular affairs committee.

Mr. Grow spoke at length on the President's message.

Mr. Payne's resolution referring the President's message in sections to the various committees, was passed as soon as Mr. Grow concluded his remarks and Speaker Henderson then announced the committees. Immediately after the announcement of the committees the House adjourned until Friday next in respect to the memory of Senator Kyle of South Dakota.

## STIFF MAKES A STATEMENT.

J. Q. Stiff, who was fatally wounded at Oak Grove, last Tuesday night, and who is slowly dying at the Emergency Hospital, Washington, from the effects of being shot through the neck by Herbert Marx, made an ante-mortem statement last night to Dr. James Stiff, his brother, and Dr. W. Wallace Washington. An attorney and a newspaper man were also present and the statement was taken down in short-hand. Stiff gave a clear and complete version of the affair, so far as he was concerned in it, and told the story of all the occurrences, as he knew them, from the time he was first approached by Taylor until he was shot down in the doorway of the Marx home. His mind has been perfectly clear since the shooting, and he remembered every detail of the events of that terrible night.

Mr. Stiff in a low, but clear tone, alleged that the cause of the attack on young Marx was a story told by J. C. Franklin of what he said he had seen during an entertainment at the J. O. U. M. Hall, Oak Grove, on November 28, given by the auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, of that place. Mr. Stiff said that Franklin reported at the store of F. W. Stiff & Co., to Mr. W. W. Stiff, that during the entertainment he had seen a couple come out of the hall and go near a stable, where they conversed quietly. Franklin said he heard the girl saying: "Let me go; I won't go."

Franklin reported that the couple then continued their walk and that he followed them. In the short time he met the colored preacher, Hyrd, who asked him whether or not he witnessed the action of the couple. Franklin replied that he did, and asked who they were, whereupon Hyrd, according to Franklin, replied that they were Herbert Marx and Rosie Taylor. Franklin cautioned the negro not to repeat the names of the couple to anybody, as it might cause trouble.

Franklin then, according to Mr. Stiff, continued to follow the couple until they appeared in the light of F. W. Stiff & Co's store, "where he recognized Marx by his shoes" and the girl, who Mr. Stiff says, is about 12 years old, by her short dress.

Mr. Stiff said that Franklin reported that he followed the pair by the store to a depression on the Episcopal Churchyard, where they again conversed.

It was at this point that Franklin went to the store and told Mr. W. W. Stiff what he had seen and heard.

Mr. Stiff then gave the details of the preparation for going to Marx's house on Monday and continuing said.

"At that time we found that the lights had been put out and although Biggie, one of the party, offered himself in the role of a lost drummer, Marx would not come out. We felt our purpose thwarted and retraced our steps, but resolved upon another effort Tuesday night and to start earlier. We left Biggie at Colonial Beach, taking Mr. Douglas in his place. We reached Marx's house Tuesday night, there being in the party Taylor, Thompson, Hedlin, Douglas and myself, taking with us a sack of straw, a bottle of coal oil and a bundle of oil-saturated rags. Taylor took a can of turpentine and turpentine for the purpose of smearing it on Marx's head. We also had the whip and a stick sharpened